

day of the second session of the 116th Congress before January 7, 2020: the Speaker may dispense with organizational and legislative business; the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved if applicable; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the periods addressed by sections 7 and 8. The rule provides that each day during the periods addressed by sections 7 and 8: shall not constitute calendar days for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution; shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII; and shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lofgren, Chairman Scott of Virginia, Chairman Pallone, Chairman Neal, Chairman Smith of Washington, and Representatives Walden, Brady, Foxx, Doggett, Titus, Collins of Georgia, Newhouse, and Thornberry.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL MATERIALS CHALLENGE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Research and Innovation to Address the Critical Materials Challenge”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW OF THE SBA’S 504/CDC LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Review of the SBA’s 504/CDC Loan Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

On Monday, December 9, 2019, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 2204, to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, S. 2363, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a Telecommunications Workforce Development Advisory Council within the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula, S. 2638, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, S. 2786, to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation, S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, S. 2881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration, S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation insurance, S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, and S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2641, to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, S. 2547, to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People’s Republic of China, S. 2977, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of

Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, S. 1830, to enhance the security of the United States and its allies, S. 704, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, S. 482, to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, S. J.Res. 4, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, S. Con. Res. 23, honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater, S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States, S. Res. 260, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy, S. Res. 297, commending the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for its significant accomplishments and contributions to the economic and social development of the Americas, S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia, S. Res. 371, reaffirming the support of the United States for the people of the Republic of South Sudan and calling on all parties to uphold their commitments to peace and dialogue as outlined in the 2018 revitalized peace agreement, S. Res. 374, expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2019, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983, S. Res. 375, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around

the world, S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis, H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are identified overseas, H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, an original resolution expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1853, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and S. 2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled "Review of Credit Conditions: Report from Agricultural Lenders", 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy in Syria and the Broader Region", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Climate Change in the Era of Strategic Competition", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1731, the "Cybersecurity Disclosure Act of 2019"; H.R. 2445, the "Self-Employed Mortgage Access Act of 2019"; H.R. 4545, the "Private Loan Disability Discharge Act of 2019"; H.R. 5287, the "Fair Student Loan Debt Collection Practices Act"; H.R. 5294, the "Student Borrowers Protections Act"; H.R. 5332, the "Protecting Your Credit Score Act of 2019"; H.R. 5330, the "Consumer Protections for Medical Debt Collections Act"; H.R. 5322, the "Ensuring Diversity in Community Banking Act of 2019"; H.R. 5315, the "Expanding Opportunities for Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) Act"; a resolution electing majority members to the Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets; a resolution establishing the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence; and a resolution establishing

the Task Force on Financial Technology, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, begin markup on H. Res. 755, the “Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald J. Trump”, 7 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled “Righting the Ship: The Coast Guard Must Improve its Processes for Addressing Harassment, Bullying, and Retaliation”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “FITARA 9.0”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing entitled “Solving an Epidemic: Addressing Human Trafficking Around Major Events like the Super Bowl and the Need for

Cross-Jurisdictional Solutions” [Original Jurisdiction Hearing], 10:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Boeing 737 MAX: Examining the Federal Aviation Administration’s Oversight of the Aircraft’s Certification”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5306, the “Know Your Social Security Act”; and legislation on Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Creating a Climate Resilient America: Smart Finance for Strong Communities”, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on Albania’s leadership in Europe, 2 p.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.